into by an expert committee, and is presently under the consideration of the Government.

Railway Line between Daitari and Anyappalli

607. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have a proposal to lay a railway line between Daitari and Anyappalli in Orissa;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal received by the Central Government from the State Government of Orissa;

(c) whether it is a fact that the proposal has been approved; and

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken to implement the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No such proposal has been received so far.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Timings of Mahalaxmi Express from Bombay to Miraj

608. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 748 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 6th September, 1991 and state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the arrival and departure timings of Mahalaxmi Express from Bombay to Miraj and *vice-versa* in order to improve the situation; and

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to expedite the survey and laying of broad-gauge line between Miraj and Bangalore and Miraj and Latur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No review in the arrival and departure of the train has been made. Watch, however, is being kept on its punctuality.

(b) No, Sir.

Requirement of Karnataka for Rail Services

609. SHRI B. K. HARI PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the need for augmenting rail services in respect of Hospet-Hubli-Ankola B.G. line Miraj-Hubli-Bangalore B.G. conversion, Miraj-Londa-Hubli B.G. conversion;

(b) whether Government propose to provide direct train from Bidar to Bangalore and faster train services in general;

(c) whether Government propose to create a South Western Railway Zone at Bangalore with a view to speeding up the conversion and development of rail system; and

(d) whether Government propose to ensure expeditions, expansion and modernisation of workshop at Hubli?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) A survey has been taken up on Hospet-Hubli-Ankola to determine what infrastructure is required. Surveys conducted on Hubli-Bangalore-Miraj-Londa-Hubli have revealed inadequate traffic prospects.

(b) The suggestions will be kept in view at the time of the next revision of Railway Time Table provided these are found justified and operationally feasible.